



# Surfside Town Gazette

February 2008

## Mayor's View



Hi Everyone,

Thanks to all who came out on New Year's Eve to make our party a great success. The weather was terrific and everyone that I spoke with had a wonderful time!

### NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING

Recently, your Police Department has been spending more time in the residential district monitoring speed and traffic while not forgetting about Collins and Harding. This is in an effort to enhance the quality of life around our parks and homes by making it safer to walk and ride in those areas. Just like when I had asked the Chief to bring speeds way down on our main arteries and create a much more pleasant environment there, he's now doing it on the "inside". And just like in the first phase of the Collins and Harding Avenue effort when warnings were given out for the first 30 days, the same is happening in the residential district. I'm told that around 400 warnings were issued in just the last

many weeks. We're not trying to punish drivers, we're trying to educate them and it seems to be working well. Obviously there will be some tickets, but it is certainly not my intention to have us become known as a "speed trap", but a great community where everyone respects our right to live in a safe, tranquil and vibrant place!

### PLANNING, ZONING AND OUR FUTURE

This subject is extremely important. Why? Because it is the roadmap for all future development in our Community and we will have to live with everything that results for a very long time, if and when, we approve the new Code. Typically, it's hard to know exactly how new rules will impact future development, as they are super complicated,

and frighteningly, by the time unwanted projects crop up, it's usually just too late to do anything. Just look at Miami Beach and their concrete canyon. Surely residents never expected such development, but they got it. Only after the horse had left the barn did they begin to implement standards for less development. As your firewall against such a mess, I find myself very concerned and will vote against anything that even hints of such potential.

First, the good news: You have an excellent Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Board and most of the members I believe subscribe to my belief that Surfside should remain a wonderful, low scale, low density, small seaside refuge from the concrete jungle surrounding it. They have

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# ELECTION NOTICE



The Town's Commission election is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18, 2008**. The Qualification period began Wed., Jan. 23rd and closes on Tues., Feb. 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Candidate packages are available from the Town Clerk during the qualifying period.

## VOTER REGISTRATION:

Voter Registration Forms may be obtained at Dade County Public Libraries, the Florida Driver License Bureau and other offices. Please check [MiamiDade.gov/elections](http://MiamiDade.gov/elections) for voter registration details.

Please postmark Voter Registration Forms no later than Feb. 16, 2008 and mail to:

Supervisor of Elections  
P.O. Box 521550  
Miami, Florida 33152

## ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION:

All Absentee Ballot requests for the March 18, 2008 election must be processed through and obtained from the Miami-Dade Elections Department. Please direct your questions to the Division of Elections at (305) 499-VOTE (8683). Absentee ballots may be requested up to six (6) days prior to the election, which is Wed., March 12, 2008. Absentee ballots will be issued to, and collected from, the absentee voter or their designee, by the Miami-Dade Elections Department, Supervisor of Elections, Lester Sola. **Absentee Ballots will not be accepted at Town Hall.**

## GIRL SCOUT TROOP 802 SPONSORS VOTER EDUCATION DAY

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 802, in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Elections Department, is hosting a **VOTER EDUCATION DAY** on Sunday, February 10th, from 10:00 am – Noon, in the Commission Chambers.

As one of the requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award, the scouts contacted representatives from the Department of Elections Educational Outreach Program to visit our Town and educate our citizens on the operation of the touch screen voting machines. In addition, they will distribute educational materials including: sample ballots, voter registration application forms, absentee ballot requests, and answer any voting-related questions.

The scouts are very excited about this event, which addresses the needs of Surfsiders, both young and old. High school students will have the opportunity to become educated participants in the democratic process as they approach voting age. Senior citizens, who are often leery of technology, can learn the Touch Vote "Five Step Process" in a relaxed atmosphere. New residents will learn why it is imperative to revise their address information so as not to jeopardize their voting status.

All residents are encouraged to take part in this event which exemplifies Surfside's support of the democratic process and the importance of an educated electorate. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Jackie Mamber at [jackiemam@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiemam@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## Attention all K-6 Students!

The Town Commission is pleased to announce it is sponsoring a contest open to all Surfside K-6 students.



The Topic is:  
It is important to vote because....



### Requirements:

1. Each Student submission shall be on a standard size white poster board.
2. Contestant shall complete the topic sentence along with a drawing.
3. Place name, age, grade level, address, phone, e-mail on the back of the poster board.
4. All submissions are to be delivered to the Town Manager's office by Thurs. Feb. 28 by 5:00 p.m.

### Prizes:

Prizes for all submissions. A grand prize winner will be selected and announced at the March 11th Commission meeting. All submissions will be displayed at Town Hall.

**Please Note: Posters may not mention or endorse any candidate for political office.**

# SURFSIDE EMPLOYEES' HOLIDAY FUND

It is the pleasure of Town Hall employees to serve, and work, with all the Surfside residents and business owners throughout the year. We wish to acknowledge everyone who so generously contributed to the 2007 Holiday Fund, and extend our sincerest gratitude to the members of the Surfside Civic Association Holiday Fund Committee Julia Magnani, Paul Yavis, and Elizabeth Brilliant for their tireless efforts on our behalf. *We thank you for making our holiday even brighter!*

Carlos Amieva  
Marta Amieva  
Paul Anderson  
Walton & Nancy Bondurant  
Samuel & Lillian Brenner  
Sandra Caplin  
John Chavles  
Richard Clarvit  
David & Silvia Cohen  
Maria Cohen  
Louis & Michelle D'Antuono  
Hortense Decardenas & Lourdes Yanes  
Jacqueline Decker  
Jose Delfin, MD & RJ Gutierrez, MD  
Guillermo & Rosa Descalzi  
Al & Florentina Diaz  
Esther Diener  
The Dovidios Family  
Malvin & Sophia Englander  
David Epstein & Eliana Salzhauer  
Dolores Escayola  
Arsenio & Martha Falcon

The Fitelson Family  
John Gaige & Yvonne Hayes  
Mario Garcia & Soraya Batista-Garcia  
Martin Gillan IV  
Peter & Polita Glynn  
Barbara Gomez  
Benjamin & Reesa Greenstein  
J. Peter & Jane Maria Hall  
Mark & Margaret Halpern  
Pablo Rafael & Margarita Hernandez  
Jorge Hernandez & Luis Goicochea  
Pablo & Frances Hontou  
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Horn  
The Iacobacci Family  
Patrick & Kathleen Kearney  
Marion Kinzer  
M. Kotler Realty Inc.  
Nathan & Sherri Lebwohl  
RCW LLC  
Angel & Luis Lopez  
Robert Lugones  
Kathy Luisi

D.F. MacLeod  
Morris & Charlotte Marcus  
Zivko & Nevenka Matorcevic  
Joseph & Susan Miranda  
Edwin & Gloria Mittleman  
Juan & Elena Montes De Oca  
Geoffrey Nixon  
Oscar & Marta Olchik  
Martin & Heather Oppenheimer  
The Oppenheimer Family  
John Pardo & Marilyn Rerecich  
James Prattas M.D. & Family  
Omar Pucciarelli & Diana Mogrobojo  
Eduardo & Katharina Rabago  
Jasper Riggs  
Eduardo R. & Ana Robayna  
Isaac & Sarah Rodriguez  
Betty Rosado  
Theodora Rose  
Joseph, Adriana & Alma Rosen  
Mindi, Mac & Charlie Rothkopf  
Rowe Properties LLC

Larry & Molly Ruben and  
David & Marcy Margolis  
Jan & Maria Rybolowik  
Michael Rybolowik  
Saran Schroeder  
Peter Schwalbe & Jody  
Robert & Jennifer Schwartz  
Staci Shanahan  
Raquel Smith  
Rasciel & Maria Socarres  
Solimar Condominium Association  
Sally Spindel  
Marijo Stewart  
Roberto & Margarita Talavera Rodriguez  
Maria Vazquez  
Luis & Marta Vildostegui  
Miriam Wachtel  
Margaret Weiss  
Ted & Jackie Wolf  
Mary Worden  
Efren & Adelfa Yero  
Miguel & Esther Zamek

*Please note that if your name does not appear, the list is complete up until the newsletter publishing deadline of Jan. 16, 2008. Any additional contributors will be acknowledged in future issues of the Gazette. If you have any further questions, please contact the Surfside Civic Association President, Julia Magnani, at (305) 864-6645 or via email [julesba1@yahoo.com](mailto:julesba1@yahoo.com).*

## Spirit Of Surfside Award Winner: Howard Rennert

Howard Laurence Rennert, was honored with a Sprit of Surfside award presented by Vice-Mayor Howard Weinberg, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Committee, at the January 8th Commission meeting. Howard is a Miami Beach Senior High graduate and he attended Miami Dade Community College. He has had a diverse career, including stints as a welder for



(L-R) Tiger Cub Anton Weinberg, Vice Mayor Howard Weinberg, Spirit of Surfside award recipient, Howard Rennert, Mayor Charles Burkett, and Tiger Cub Carlos Macias.

Windjammer Cruises, as a building inspector for the Miami Beach Housing Authority and as the owner of a janitorial cleaning service.

Howard became involved in the Scouting organization when his son Alexander became a Wolf Cub. His determination to create a successful scouting program at Bay Harbor Elementary led him to volunteer as a Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, Chartered Organization Representative and eventually Cubmaster of Pack 320, a position he still holds. When Alex left Cub Scouting and crossed over into a local Boy Scout Troop, Howard enthusiastically accepted a leadership position there as well.

Howard has served the youth of this area in positions of Committee Member, Patrol Advisor, and Merit

Badge Counselor for the boys in Troop 305. He is currently mentoring not only his son Alex, but also several young men as they strive to achieve the prestigious goal of Eagle Scout.

Howard's tireless efforts as he continues to serve both the Cub and Boy Scouts of this community make him an outstanding example of a selfless volunteer and dedicated leader.







(L-R) Building Maintenance Technician, **Hector Perez**, Assistant Police Chief **John Di Censo**, Police Chief **Dave Allen**, Citizens' Crime Watch Director **Carmen Caldwell**, Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator, **Wanda Flores** and Mayor **Charles Burkett**.

## Surfside Civic Association Day

Mayor Charles Burkett proclaimed Tuesday, January 8, 2008 as Julia Magnani and Surfside Civic Association Day in the Town of Surfside in recognition of their community spirit and dedication to continuing the Surfside Employees' Holiday Fund in 2007. They preserved a thirty-seven-year Surfside tradition benefiting the Town's valued employees. Congratulations to the

Surfside Civic Association Holiday Fund Committee: **Julia Magnani**, **Paul Yavis**, and **Elizabeth Brilliant**.



(L-R) Commissioner **Marc Imberman**, Surfside Civic Association President, **Julia Magnani**, and Mayor **Charles Burkett**.

## Town of Surfside Receives Recognition

Carmen Caldwell, Director, Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County presented a plaque to the Commission recognizing the Town of Surfside for its participation in the Citizens Stand Against Crime Event on December 22, 2007.

## SURFSIDE LIBRARY

**Storytime:** Will be held on Tues., Feb. 12, from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. The library is closed Tuesday mornings, so please knock on the door for admittance. Storytime is open to children age 4 and under.

*For your reading pleasure...*

### ADULT BOOKS:

#### Fiction:

- Everlasting *by Kathleen Woodiwiss* (historical romance)
- Capitol Offense: a Nik Kane Alaska Mystery *by Mike Doogan*
- The Darkest Evening of the Year *by Dean Koontz*
- T is for Trespass *by Sue Grafton* (mystery fiction)



#### Non-fiction:

- My Grandfather's Son *by Clarence Thomas*
- Write It When I'm Gone: Remarkable Off-the-Record Conversations with Gerald R. Ford *by Thomas M. DeFrank*
- Rescuing Sprite: a Dog Lover's Story of Joy and Anguish *by Mark R. Levin*
- Boom!: Voices of the Sixties: Personal reflections on the '60s and today *by Tom Brokaw*

### CHILDRENS' BOOKS:

- Great Joy *by Kate DiCamillo* (easy reader)
- Being Bee *by Catherine Bateson* (easy reader)
- The Magic Pomegranate *by Peninnah Schram* (junior fiction)
- The Mitten *by Jan Brett* (easy reader)
- Snow *by Marion Dane Bauer* (easy reader/ready-to-read)
- Rock Climbing *by Scott Wurdinger*



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

- One More Valley, One More Hill: The Story of Aunt Clara Brown *by Linda Lowery* (junior non-fiction)
- Queen Latifah *by Sarah R. Bloom* (junior non-fiction)
- Maya Angelou *by Miles Shapiro* (junior non-fiction)

#### DVD's & Video's

Year of the Dog • Hairspray • Mr. Brooks • Shrek the Third • Undercover Dora



The Library will be **CLOSED:** Mon., Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents' Day



# Surfside Commission Highlights



## 1. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager stated that the Police Chief, Dave Allen, had distributed copies of the monthly Surfside Police Department Activity Report.

The Town Manager reported on a number of topics to the Commission.

**Community Center:** The bid opening from the advertised Invitation to Bid on the deconstruction of the existing structure is scheduled for January 11, 2008.

**Beach Walk:** Currently, the Town Attorney is conducting necessary title search work to confirm ownership of the abutting properties and street ends; which will allow for detailed design work and construction documents to be produced.

**Planning & Community Development:** The Town's Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) will be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board on January 31, 2008. The Zoning Code re-writes will next be considered by the Commission on January 30, 2008.

**Information Technology (IT):** New Camera and broadcast enhancements for public meetings in the Commission Chambers are currently being completed to ensure better viewing opportunities by the public. A new message email archive system is currently being implemented to better protect and manage public communications. New air conditioning service to the server compartment was completed to protect the valuable IT hardware assets of the Town.

**Emergency Management:** The Town's Police Department, working with Calvin, Giordano and Associates, began creating a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP is scheduled to be complete prior to the 2008 hurricane season. The Town is currently preparing to release a Request for Proposals for storm shutters for Town Hall to better serve and protect the public's interest.

**Public Utilities / Engineering:** Stormwater improvements, funded by FDOT, are now being addressed by the installation of a new pumping station, scheduled to start construction around March 1, 2008. Grant funding in the amount of \$700,000 has been secured by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, for a total project amount of \$1,400,000; to install three additional pumping stations and multiple wells to remove more stormwater from the local streets faster. The 2nd phase of wastewater

system improvements are being initiated in the first half of 2008 and will involve the lining of many of the wastewater pipelines to again improve function and reduce any leaks or failures.

**Building Code Services:** Improved procedures have been implemented on permit application, plan review, inspection, and Building Official services. Addressing flood control and FEMA standards are currently being undertaken to ensure not only the safety and quality of life in the Town, but also to maintain valuable insurance premium reductions.

**Transportation and Traffic Engineering:** Specific recommendations on parking meter systems and transportation issues will be considered by the Commission in the spring.

## GOALS FOR DECONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER

### January 7, 2008

Distribute Addendum to Invitation to Bid (Town Clerk)

### January 8, 2008

Meet with Town Manager, Library Director, Parks and Recreation Director and Chief of Police to discuss modular space for move to west side of Collins

### January 11, 2008

Bid Packages Received for Deconstruction

### January 15, 2008

Selection Committee Makes Selection and List 1-5

### January 23, 2008

Begin process to install new modular buildings including permitting process (may need variances)

### January 30, 2008

Calvin, Giordano and Associates makes recommendation to Town Commission to approve contract for Deconstruction Contractor and G.E. Capital Modular Space (additional monies will be needed for new utilities for modular buildings)

### February 23, 2008

Receive Certificate of Occupancy for Modular Spaces

### February 29, 2008

Complete move of Library and Parks & Recreation to new Modular Space

### March 3, 2008

Begin Deconstruction Demolition

### April 4, 2008

Complete Deconstruction Demolition

The Following Ordinance was adopted on First Reading:

2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 90 "Zoning" of the Code of Surfside, Florida by repealing and replacing Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" in its entirety; adopting a new Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" including adoption of an official Town Zoning Map for all districts; providing for repeal of conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The following Resolutions were approved:

3. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving an employment agreement between Interim Town Manager, Pamela Brangaccio and the Town; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

4. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing and directing Interim Town Manager and Town Clerk to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement and the Chief of Police and the Town Clerk to execute a Joint Declaration with the City of Coral Gables for police services. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2007/2008 Police Confiscation Fund Expenditure in the amount of \$79,500 to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

6. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing Interim Town Manager, Pamela Brangaccio as a signatory to the Town of Surfside's Bank Accounts with SunTrust Bank and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

## In other matters...

The Commission voted to appoint Elizabeth Ogden to the Design Review Board filling the Certified Architect vacancy on the Board.

The Commission recognized the efforts of Julia Magnani and the Surfside Civic Association for continuing the tradition of the Town of Surfside Employees' Holiday Fund.

Officer Ian Leonard was acknowledged as Officer of the Month.

The Commission voted to hold the second meeting of the month on January 30, 2008.

## Mayor's View

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worked hard with our attorneys and professional planners to modernize our Code and in the meantime, the moratorium preventing undesired development that I had asked for, remains in place. The present Code is barely adequate. You can look around Town and see examples of structures that clearly don't fit in. The following list is where I believe, given my election mandate, that Code improvements should be made: Those that protect us from McMansions; maintain or reduce height and density; add incentives to restore our business district; and bring compatible construction to areas like southern Harding Avenue's east side and Collins' western side on the north end.

Now the other news: In my opinion, much more than this has happened. The P & Z Board, in an effort to rewrite the entire Code in a very short period of time, has likely not had the time to consider all the possible impacts. Just at our first meeting in January, I was amazed at the number of zoning attorneys present to attempt to "tweak" the Code. I was also unpleasantly surprised to learn that our new Code allowed for the following: possible hotel construction on Harding Avenue, live/work facilities on Collins and Harding Avenues, residential apartments on top of our commercial district and so on.

Just for illustrative purposes, I want to take the few aforementioned changes and examine them from a skeptical perspective. There are also many others, but let's look at these.

**1) Hotel construction on Harding Avenue:** While I have said that if a wonderful hotel opportunity was to present itself to our Town, I would look seriously at it. I had always assumed it would be on the Ocean and not across the street from residential homes on Harding Avenue. Regardless of how you slice it, there is the potential for parking to bleed over into the residential areas, as well as the possibility for increased noise and traffic. Just an

increase in activity in general could really hurt the quality of life for residents in those areas.

**2) Live/work development on western Collins and eastern Harding Avenues:** Again while this works well in my opinion in some semi-industrial/business areas, I'm not convinced that offices underneath apartments with employees coming to work and the associated daily activity would be very compatible with our other residents in that area. Think Hialeah or maybe Coral Gables, but not in their solely residential areas.

**3) Residential Apartments on top of the retail/commercial in the business district:** While I had been the one to suggest allowing a property owner to go up a floor in exchange for giving up a pass through/promenade from the parking lot to the rear of the business district between 95th and 96th Streets, I never envisioned a wall of apartments above each and every, space allowing, storefront. Further, my mandate was not to increase the residential population in Town, but to further increase the quality of life here, i.e.: restore the business district's buildings, bring new restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops, and provide additional parking and support, etc. Further, I can envision owners now wanting to tear down buildings in the downtown district to build new larger, higher properties to maximize their potential – maybe good for the owner's bottom line, but maybe not so good for our historic properties, small town feel and other important quality of life issues that matter to residents.

Having said all this, I made my thoughts clear at the Commission meeting and have indicated to a number of Board members that while I voted to move the Code revision forward for further review by the Planning and Zoning Board and made the few suggestions I could in a discussion completely inadequate for the gravity of the matter, I am not confident that the Code can be corrected quickly and will require much more thought and input. Further, serious and probing questions must be

asked throughout this process including but not limited to – what is every possible end result that could come of this new Code. The future of our Town depends on it. I will keep you posted.

## COMMUNITY CENTER

The old one is coming down likely in the next few weeks and Surfsiders will eventually have a brand new building and pool to enjoy. While I am not sure storing books in a library on the Ocean as opposed to across the street is the best use of prime world class real estate and I had preferences for the placement of the building as I've written about in the past, I recognize that I am one of five and the majority felt otherwise. I'm also saddened that I couldn't convince the majority to save the historic roofline, columns and medallion and incorporate it into the new structure; ultimately, I just couldn't convince them to do it.

In the end, we all voted to move forward and put shovels in the ground! New center - here we come.....

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to the following exceptional residents. To Howard Rennert for being our Spirit of Surfside award winner. Howard's commitment to our Town and its residents, of all ages, is second to none. To Julia Magnani for her dedication to our Town's employees by organizing the Holiday Fund through the Surfside Civic Association. Julia has shown her deep caring for everyone in Town and we very much appreciate it. To Ian Leonard for being named Police Officer of the Month in recognition of his 20 years of service to the Surfside community. I'm proud to know and work with him and I hope you get to meet him one day soon (not during a traffic stop) in his travels around Town so you can see what we're talking about.

Surely that's enough for now!

All the best,

Charlie



## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Jean Uzice

Take out your atlas to find the Seychelles Islands - Our neighbor, Jean Uzice made her way to Surfside from this string of islands off the east coast of Africa where English and French Creole are spoken.

Jean was born in the Seychelles Islands and raised 10 children there. When the communist party overthrew the government in 1979 there was a sense of fear among the "Seychelois" (natives to the Island) and many were struggling to leave. The new regime required compulsory military service of youngsters between the ages of 13-16. Fearful for the youngest of her children, she and her husband, Louis, sought options where to move their family. At this time, only 4 of their 10 children were still living at home and six had

already moved to other countries to reside.

In 1981 she, her husband, and four of their children (a son and three daughters) were granted political asylum and moved to Surfside. Without knowing anyone, Jean and her family slowly became accustomed to life in America, which was very different than the quiet life of the Seychelles where her children were raised without T.V. Her three girls each worked their way through college by working at Neiman Marcus, in Bal Harbour.

When asked about her other children, it took several minutes to organize who lives where: one child in Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, France, Washington State, three live in Florida, one remains in the Seychelles. Frankie,



Jean Uzice

one of her children, unfortunately, passed away.

You may be wondering why her family chose to reside in Surfside and what it was like for Jean to raise 10 children and have 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren... Stop and ask. You may see her, wearing her straw hat, as she enjoys strolls around the neighborhood. Stop and say "Hello."



## SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB



The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. The book selection is **"Nature Girl" by Carl Hiaasen**. Join other Surfside readers for fun and lively discussion. Please be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Kim at: [kimjo614@the-beach.net](mailto:kimjo614@the-beach.net)

## ONE-DAY-A-WEEK WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

South Florida Water Management has recently introduced one-day-a-week water restrictions. A two page fact sheet is available at the front counter in Town Hall which details the new regulations for lawn watering. All residents and business owners are encouraged to obtain a copy for their handy reference. Please take note of the condensed, simple-to-follow watering regulations below:



Residents may choose from one of two "watering windows" on their designated irrigation day. You may NOT water during both time periods.

### Irrigation & Maintenance for Homes & Businesses (less than 5 acres)

- ODD: If the last number in your home address is odd (1,3,5,7, or 9), water your property, from 4 a.m. - 8 a.m. OR from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., only on Mondays.
- EVEN: If the last number in your home address is even (0,2,4,6, or 8), water your property, from 4 a.m. - 8 a.m. OR from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., only on Thursdays.
- HAND WATERING: You can hand-water stressed plants for 10 minutes per day, on any day, using one hose with an attached automatic shut-off nozzle.

### Washing of Cars, Boats & Other Equipment

- The washing of cars, boats and other equipment is permitted, however, the washing must be done on, or drain to, a non-paved surface that permits water to soak into the ground. It must be done using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle and/or a low-volume pressure cleaner.

### Low-Volume Pressure Cleaning

- Low-volume pressure cleaning of any surface and structure is permitted.

For more information, please visit the South Florida Water Management District website [www.sfwmd.gov/conserve](http://www.sfwmd.gov/conserve) or call the Water Conservation Hotline (305) 662-8876.





# Happy New Year





# Family Fun & Drug Awareness Day: January 13, 2008

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# Town of Surfside

## Beach 5K Run / Walk

### Sunday, February 17th, 2008



Join Surfside with its 2nd annual Beach 5K Run.  
The Run/Walk will take place on the beach hard pack and beach walkway.

**Packet Pick up will be on Saturday, February 16 from 3:00pm—5:00pm  
at the Surfside Community Center (9301 Collins Ave)**



Race Day registration and Packet pick up will be from 6:30am—7:30am  
( No packet pick up after 7:30 am on Race Day )  
**Race Start time is 8:00am**



Start will be behind the Best Western Hotel (on the beach hard pack)  
94th Street Collins Ave, Surfside Florida 33154

#### Directions:

Take I-95 exit 125th street and go east over the Broad Causeway to Harding Ave and make a right going south  
on Harding head towards 93rd street and look for parking lot.

#### Course:

The course will start on the beach hard pack at 94th St and run south to 87th terr and turn back north for a  
second loop and finish at the beach hard pack at 95th St. The course will be on the hard pack sand and  
gravel road way and beach walk. The race will start and finish on the beach hardpack in Surfside.

#### Online Registration Entry Fees:

Online: \$20.00

Race Day on site: \$25.00

Registrations online at [www.multirace.com](http://www.multirace.com)



#### Awards:

Top 3 Overall Male and Female

Top Masters M/F 40+

Age Groups Male and Female 1st - 3rd - 14 and under (All 14 and under finishers will receive an award),  
15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70+



The first 150 Registrations will receive a race T-Shirt. All participants will receive a goody bag.

#### Post Race:

Light food and refreshments will be served post race along with awards.

**For more information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635  
or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)**



## THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

10200 Biscayne Blvd.



Hours of Operation: Call (305) 795-2241, or check [www.miamishoresvillage.com](http://www.miamishoresvillage.com).

Bus Service Schedule Available: [www.townofsurlsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurlsidefl.gov)

Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card.

The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED on Feb. 18, 2008.



## SURFSIDE BEACH CLUB

(February)

### Rental Hours & Fees

Sunday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fees: Lounge Chairs

Residents

\$3.00 for 3 hours or less; \$4.00 Full day

Non-resident

\$6.00 for 3 hours or less; \$9.00 Full day

Umbrellas

Residents

\$2.00 for 3 hours or less; \$3.00 Full day

Non-residents

\$4.00 for 3 hours or less; \$7.00 Full day



**For Surfside Residents only:** The 1st chair & umbrella rental is **free** for the day, per group/family. The fees listed above will apply for additional chair and umbrella rentals.

## Parks & Recreation Department

### Please note:

The Surfside Parks & Recreation Department current programming is subject to change, depending on the proposed building deconstruction timeline.

Every effort will be made to maintain the continuity of programming, although the relocation of classes to alternative facilities may be necessary, depending upon program requirements.

Senior Program: Note: NEW BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday

Jan. 9 - May 28

10:00 – Noon



Senior Bingo: Residents \$5 / Non-Resident \$10 (1st & 3rd Thurs. of the Month)

Thursday

January 17 - May 15

4:00 - 6:00 pm



## Adult Classes and Programs

Yogalates: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65

Thursday

January 10 - February 28

7:00 - 8:00 pm



Yoga: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65

Monday

February 25 - April 14

7:00 - 8:00 pm



Pilates: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65

Tuesday

January 8 - February 26

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday

January 9 - February 27

7:00 - 8:00 pm



Zumba: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65

Monday

January 28 - March 17

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday

February 14 - April 3

7:00 - 8:00 pm



## Youth Classes and Programs

**Ballet Program: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (No Class Feb. 18)**

Monday January 7 - March 3 Ages: 6 - 10

5:00 - 5:45 pm



**Pre-School Ballet: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (No Class Feb. 18)**

Friday January 11 - February 29 Ages: 3 - 5

4:00 - 4:45 pm

Monday January 7 - March 3 Ages: 3 - 5

4:00 - 4:45 pm



**Gymnastics: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75**

Wednesday January 9 - February 27 Ages: 3 - 5

4:00 - 4:55 pm

Thursday January 10 - February 28 Ages: 6 - 10

5:00 - 5:55 pm

Ages: 3 - 5

4:00 - 4:55 pm

Ages: 6 - 10

5:00 - 5:55 pm



**Acrobatics and Tumbling: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75**

Wednesday January 9 - February 27 Ages: 8 - 15

6:00 - 6:55 pm



**Hip Hop Jazz Dance: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75**

Thursday January 10 - February 28 Ages: 6 - 9

6:00 - 6:55 pm

Ages: 10 - 16

7:00 - 7:55 pm



**Arts and Crafts: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$60**

Saturday January 12 - March 1

10:00 - 11:00 am



### Youth Instructional Soccer Program:

**Fees:** Returning kids Residents  
Non-Residents  
New Registration Residents  
Non-Residents

\$75 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of Soccer Socks  
\$110 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of Soccer Socks  
\$85 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of shorts + shin guards + 1 pair of Soccer Socks  
\$115 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of shorts + shin guards + 1 pair of Soccer Socks



Mon. & Wed. January 14 - March 19

Ages: 4 - 6 Coed

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Ages: 9 - 11 Boys

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Tues. & Thurs. January 15 - March 20

Ages: 4 - 6 Coed

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages: 6 - 9 Coed

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Ages: 9 - 12 Girls

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Ages: 9 - 11 Boys

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Ages: 12 - 13 Boys

7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Kidokinetics "Tot" Program: Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80**

Monday January 7 - March 3 Ages 2 - 4

9:15 - 10:00 am



**Kidokinetics: Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80**

Thursday January 10 - February 28 Ages 3 - 5

4:30 - 5:15 pm

**Chess Program: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$65**

Saturday January 12 - March 1 Beginner

Noon - 1:00 pm

Advanced

1:00 - 3:00 pm



**Surfs Up: Ages: 5 - 15 will resume in the spring (Dates and Times are TBA).**





## FEBRUARY GAME ROOM HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm



## Surfside Tennis Center

The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below:



Monday - Thursday	8:30 am to 10:00 pm
Friday - Sunday	8:30 am to 5:30 pm



### "Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"

Monday	Adult	8:00 am - 10:30 pm.
Thursday	Adult	8:00 am - 10:30 pm
Fee: \$9 per person for residents, • \$10 non-resident per person		



### "Sign Up Doubles"

Wednesday	Adult / Juniors	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Reservations Required		
Fee: \$6 per person for residents / \$8 non-residents per person.		

"Match making services available. Let us make a tennis match for you"

For more information contact the Tennis Center at (305) 866-5176.

## Miami-Dade Adult Education Classes

January 7, 2008 - April 24, 2008 Schedule

Location: Surfside Community Center

Please note that the schedule is subject to change,  
pending the proposed building deconstruction timeline.



### Yoga

Tuesday	10:30 - Noon	Ages: Adults
	Noon - 1:30 pm	Ages: 55 +
Thursday	10:30 - Noon	Ages: Adults
	Noon - 1:30 pm	Ages: 55 +

### Drawing & Painting

Beginners	Thursday	10:00 - Noon	Ages: 55 +
Intermediate	Thursday	12:30 - 2:30 pm	Ages: 55 +



### Current Events

Monday	10:00 - Noon	Ages: Adult
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Call the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 for scheduling information.  
Please call Miami-Dade County Public Schools for Fees 305-531-0451.

# Surfside Police Officer Of The Month: Ian Leonard

At the Commission meeting on January 8th **Officer Ian Leonard** was recognized as Officer of the Month for his twenty years of service to the Surfside Police Department and the community. Officer Leonard is the senior Officer in the police department and mentors many of the younger officers. During his career with the Surfside Police Department he has been assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Leonard has also worked in the Marine Patrol and is also certified to operate the all terrain vehicle.

During his tenure with the department he has received Officer of the Month three times. The first time in August 1988 for apprehending a subject who was in the process of stealing a car, the second in August 1989 for apprehending a burglary subject who was responsible for three more burglaries in

the town, and the third in August 1991 for apprehending two armed robbery subjects.

In January 2002, while on patrol, Officer Leonard detected an odor of smoke coming from the Compostella Hotel located at 9040 Collins Ave. The residents of the upper floor were evacuated, but Officer Leonard could not make contact with anyone in one of the apartments which had completely filled with smoke. Fearing for the safety of any possible occupants that might have been overcome by smoke Officer Leonard entered the apartment through an open window to conduct a search for any possible victims without concern for his personal safety. Fortunately the fire was extinguished and all the residents were evacuated without serious injury or death. Through Officer Leonard's valiant actions he averted

major property loss to the building if not injury or death to our citizens and guests.

Officer Leonard is truly an asset to this police department and should be commended for his dedication to duty, diligence and hard work through out the past twenty years.



(L-R) Assistant Police Chief **John Di Censo**, Police Officer **Ian Leonard**, Mayor **Charles Burkett** and Police Chief **Dave Allen**.



## The Surfside Police Department invites *All Residents to attend a* **Crime Prevention Workshop**

***Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.***

### ***TOPIC:***

**Real Estate Cons - Construction Cons**

### ***LOCATION:***

**Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue  
2nd Floor, Police Training Room**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**For further information, please contact Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator,  
Wanda Flores (305) 861-4862 ext. 283**



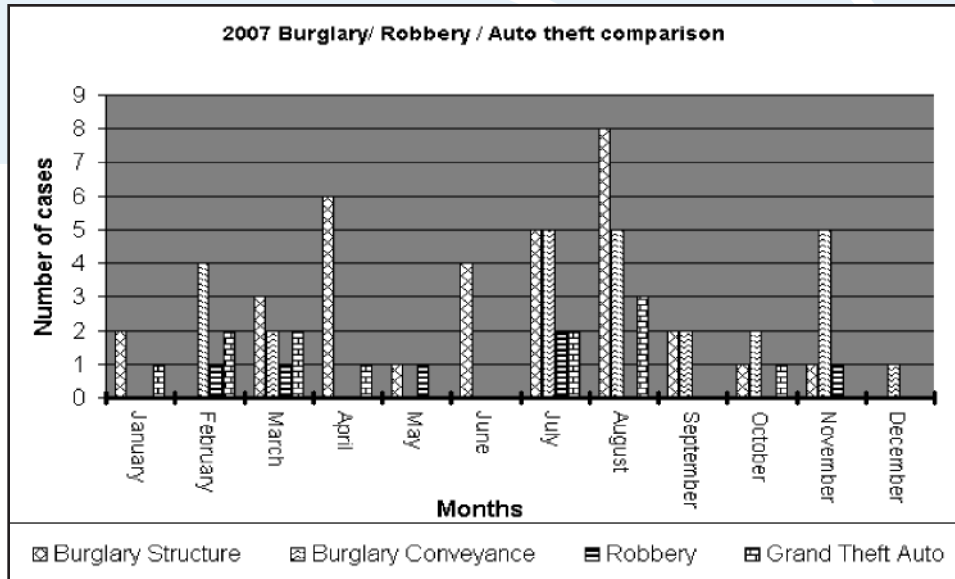


**Family Fun &  
Drug Awareness Day**  
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**Surfside Police Officer,  
Patrick McKenna  
demonstrates the skills  
of his K-9 Partner, Kilo.**



February 2008



## **SURFSIDE POLICE CRIME STATISTICS**

### **Monthly Activity by Classification**

CLASSIFICATION .....	NOV	DEC	+/-
HOMICIDE .....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY .....	0	1	1
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS.....	0	1	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY....	0	1	1
BURGLARY STRUCTURE.....	1	0	-1
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE .....	5	1	-4
GRAND THEFT .....	1	0	-1
FRAUD .....	2	4	2
ROBBERY .....	1	0	-1
GRAND THEFT AUTO .....	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES.....</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-2</b>
BATTERY SIMPLE .....	0	6	6
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....	1	4	3
THEFT UNDER.....	2	6	4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.....	0	4	4
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE .....	3	3	0
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES .....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>
TRAFFIC CITATIONS .....	651	436	-215
ARRESTS .....	39	35	-4
PARKING CITATIONS .....	668	639	-29

## February 2008 Calendar

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEB. 12 AT 7:00 PM  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEB. 19 AT 7:00 PM

Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the Month at 8:00 pm (02/05/08)  
Green Committee.....First Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm (02/06/08)  
Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (02/21/08)  
Planning & Zoning Board .....Last Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (02/28/08)  
Tourist Bureau..... First Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm (02/04/08)

Winter 5K Run.....Sunday, Feb. 17

PRESIDENT'S DAY.....Monday, Feb. 18  
Town Hall & the Surfside Library will be CLOSED.  
Regularly scheduled Recreation classes will be held. Tennis Center is open for general play.

### UPCOMING

Music on the Beach.....Mar. 2  
Storybook Festival.....Mar. 8  
Spring Egg Hunt.....Mar. 16  
Town Commission Election .....Mar. 18  
Swearing-In Ceremony.....Mar. 19  
2nd Annual Art & Craft Festival.....Mar. 29 & 30

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the Website [www.townof-surfsidefl.gov](http://www.townof-surfsidefl.gov) or tune in to Cable Channel 77.

#### Town Commission

Charles W. Burkett	Mayor
Howard S. Weinberg	Vice Mayor
Marc Imberman	Commissioner
Steven Levine	Commissioner
Mark Blumstein	Commissioner

#### Town E-Mail

Barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov

#### Town Officials

Pamela Brangaccio	Interim Town Mgr.
Beatris Arguelles	Town Clerk
Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
David E. Allen	Police Chief

#### Town Commission/Manager E-Mails

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#### Business Numbers

Town Hall	(305) 861-4863
Community Center	(305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Library	(305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department	(305) 861-4862

#### Emergency Only

Fire/Police	(305) 861-1115
All Other:	(305) 861-4862

# Town of Surfside

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# Attention all K-6 Students!

The Town Commission is pleased to announce it is sponsoring a contest open to all Surfside K-6 students.



The Topic is:  
It is important to vote because....

## Requirements:

1. Each Student submission shall be on a standard size white poster board.
2. Contestant shall complete the topic sentence along with a drawing.
3. Place name, age, grade level, address, phone, e-mail on the back of the poster board.
4. All submissions are to be delivered to the Town Manager's office by Thurs. Feb. 28 by 5:00 p.m.

## Prizes:

Prizes for all submissions. A grand prize winner will be selected and announced at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.  
All submissions will be displayed at Town Hall.

## Please Note:

Posters may not mention or endorse any candidate for political office.





The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

## SENIOR TRIP TO Hard Rock Casino

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Buses will depart from the  
Community Center  
(9301 Collins Ave) at 9:00 am  
And will return approximately at 4:00 pm.

Transportation Fee:  
\$10.00 Residents  
\$15.00 Non-Residents  
(Participants will receive a \$10.00 voucher  
towards game play and a \$5 voucher towards lunch)

Open to Surfside Residents and Non-Residents  
Deadline to register will be Friday, February 15th.  
For more information contact the Community  
Center at 305-866-3635 or visit  
[www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

## Storybook Festival

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008**

**10:00 AM — 2:00 PM**  
**96TH STREET PARK**  
**9572 BAY DRIVE**

### FEATURING YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS:

"Pooie Bear"	10:30 — 11:00
"Tig Tiger"	11:30 — 12:00
"Dora"	12:30 — 1:00
"Diego"	1:30 — 2:00

Children's Activities & Entertainment  
Arts and crafts, Face Painting, Music

*Light Refreshments will be served*

Free for Surfside residents and accompanied guests  
Non-Residents: Adults \$6.00 and Children \$3.00

For further information contact the Community Center  
at 305-866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

## Spring Egg Hunt

**Sunday, March 16, 2008**

**10:00 am - Noon**  
**96th Street Park**  
**9572 Bay Drive**

### Egg Hunt Ages 12 and under

3 and under	11:00 am
4,5,6	11:10 am
7,8,9	11:20 am
10,11,12	11:30 am

Free for Surfside Residents Only.  
Residents must bring proof of residency. Guest  
must be accompanied by a Town Resident.

For more information contact the Parks and Recreation  
Department at (305) 866-3635  
or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

## Senior Performing Arts Trip "Footloose"

"A celebration of youthful independence..Genuine artistry and  
innovation..terrific tunes." -Variety

Nominated for 4 Tony Awards and has the potential to become the next  
Grease with its high energy, exuberant entertainment bursting to life  
with music, romance, and dance. One of the most explosive movie  
musicals in recent memory, the FOOTLOOSE soundtrack was #1 on  
the billboard charts.

**Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

**At the Actor's Playhouse in Coral Gables**

**Buses leave promptly at Noon from the Community  
Center Buses will return approximately at 6:00pm**

**Cost: \$15 Residents**  
**\$ 30 Non-Residents**

**(Transportation included. Proper dress attire required.)**

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Last Day to register  
will be Friday, March 7th. Registration will be held at the Town of Surf-  
side Community Center Sunday thru  
Saturday from 9:00 am—4:45 pm. Proof of Residency is  
required at the time of registration. For more information  
contact the Community Center at 305-866-3635  
or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)